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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD

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SUBJECT: CONTROVERSY OVER TURKISH AMBASSADOR BECOMES MORE SERIOUS

REF: NICOSIA 3361 (DTG 261020Z OCT 76)

1. THE CONTRETEMPS ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT TURKISH NATIONAL DAY TOOK A MUCH MORE SERIOUS TURN ON OCT. 26. FIRST, THE ACTUAL INVITATIONS ARRIVED SPECIFYING THAT "CHARGE D'AFFAIRES" ONHON WAS THE INVITING PARTY. THIS WAS APPARENT LAST STRAW FOR SOME PROTOCOL CONSCIOUS COLLEAGUES AND ALSO FOR GOC.

2. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES HAS BEGUN TO CALL AMBASSADORS IN TO MAKE GOC POSITION ON ATTENDANCE CLEAR.

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER GORDON REPORTED THAT CHRISTOPHIDES

SAID CYPRUS GOVERNMENT OBJECTS STRONGLY TO ATTENDANCE BY ANY MEMBER OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS BECAUSE (A) ONHON HAS NOT NOTIFIED THE GOC OF HIS ARRIVAL, (B) THE INVITATIONS TO THE RECEPTION DESCRIBE HIM AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, AND (C) ENTIRE AFFAIR IS A CONTINUATION OF TURKISH POLICY OF NON-RECOGNITION OF GOC. AS A RESULT (AND THIS IS ALMOST A QUOTE FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER'S TELEGRAM TO LONDON) CHRISTOPHIDES AS FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE ANY HEAD OF MISSION WHO ATTENDS THE RECEPTION OR WHO SENDS A REPRESENTATIVE. SUCH AMBASSADORS WILL HAVE TO TRANSACT THEIR BUSINESS WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR OTHER OFFICIALS. IN THE CASE OF OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO ATTEND THE RECEPTION, THEY WILL NOT BE RECEIVED BY THE MFA AT ALL. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER GORDON, CHRISTOPHIDES DID SAY THAT GOC UNDERSTANDS THE PRACTICAL SITUATION AND WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DEALINGS WITH ONHON OR OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS MISSION ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

3. BRITISH HERE ARE CLEARLY WAVERING, TO SAY THE LEAST, ON ATTENDANCE AT THE RECEPTION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DANISH AND ITALIAN AMBASSADORS WERE ALSO CALLED IN TODAY, PRESUMABLY TO RECEIVE SAME MESSAGE. OUR GUESS IS THAT ROSY PICTURE PAINTED IN REFTEL IS CONSIDERABLY DIM AND THAT THERE WILL BE MANY DEFECTIONS FROM THE RANKS OF THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY PLANNED TO ATTEND. THIS EMBASSY HAS AS YET RECEIVED NO SUMMONS FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY OR COMMUNICATION FROM ANY OTHER OFFICIAL AT GOC ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. BRITISH DCM CAMBRIDGE HAD CONVERSATION WITH MFA DIRGEN PELAGHIAS ABOUT NOON OCT. 26. AT THAT TIME PELEGHAS SAID GOC WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ATTENDANCE AT RECEPTION IF ONHON MERELY NOTIFIED MFA HEAD OF PROTOCOL ON HIS ARRIVAL. WE ARE NOT SURE IF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER OVERTAKES THAT POSITION. IN ANY CASE OUR OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS OCT 25 INDICATE NO GIVE FROM ANKARA ON THIS POINT.

5. WE ARE NOT TAKING INITIATIVE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH GOC. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT MATTER IS NOW SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. OFFICERS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO ATTEND RECEPTION FROM THIS EMBASSY ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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